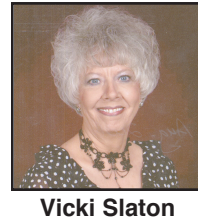




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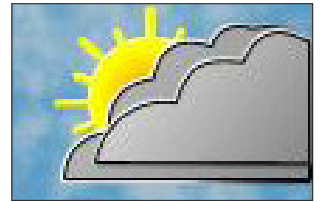


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BSISD: Beware groups posing as school sponsors

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Officials with Big Spring High School are asking local businesses to be aware of groups that may be misrepresenting themselves while soliciting advertising for school-related activities.

BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey said he has become aware of these groups within the past few weeks.

"There have been representatives from outside sales compa-



Ritchey

nies contacting businesses asking them to donate money or advertise on items such as T-shirts and souvenir footballs that are given away at our games during the year," Ritchey said. "We want people to know that these actions are not authorized by the school district."

The vendors are not doing any-

thing illegal — they do provide products for the school district — but they are not affiliated with the school and they are not acting with the district's approval, he added.

"What makes it legal is that we receive the product," he said. "What makes it shaky is we didn't authorize it ... and some of these people are misrepresenting themselves as (BSHS) sponsors, which they aren't."

Ritchey said people needed to

be aware that not all the money raised by the outside companies remains in the community.

"What upsets me is that when these companies come in ... 40 percent of the sales go to that company; they don't stay here," he said. "If we do fund-raisers ourselves, the proceeds remain here in Big Spring."

If approached for a school-related fund-raiser, Ritchey urged persons with doubts as to the validity of the activity to contact

the school district.

"If they are not school personnel — or a business — they know, please, please, please contact the high school," he said.

Persons with questions are urged to contact the high school at 264-3641 or the district's central office at 264-3600.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Alon acquires Krotz Springs refinery

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy has completed its acquisition of the Krotz Springs refinery from Valero Energy Corporation, officials announced today.

The Krotz Springs refinery is located approximately halfway between Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana, on the Atchafalaya River

The purchase price was \$333 million in cash plus approximately \$140 million for working capital, including inventories.

"This latest acquisition is another step in our business plan to methodically grow our operations and expand our refining capacity. We anticipate that this transaction should generate strong free cash flow, which should enable us to repay its associated debt in as early as three years," said David Wiessman, executive chairman of Alon. "We would like to thank

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Angelica Rogers, left on the swing, 11, Madison Ramirez, 6, and Jimetre Post, 9, take a twirl on this tire swing at ABC Park Monday morning, as children with the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club took the summer program outdoors to enjoy the mild weather.

Proposed rate hike gets city's attention

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Officials with Oncor Electric Delivery Company may have to wait to impose a \$275 million rate increase for its Texas cities — which includes Big Spring — as the city council is expected to consider a resolution Tuesday night postponing the increase to study its validity.

Members of the Big Spring City Council are expected to vote to postpone the rate increase — which is slated for Aug. 8 — in favor of joining a steering committee made up of more than 100 cities that are currently customers of Oncor

The steering committee is expected to hire legal counsel to review the validity of the rate increase and prepare a response for the electric

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Cholesterol drugs recommended for some 8-year-olds

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — For the first time, an influential doctors group is recommending that some children as young as 8 be given cho-

lesterol-fighting drugs to ward off future heart problems.

It is the strongest guidance ever given on the issue by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which released its new guidelines Monday. The academy also

recommends low-fat milk for 1-year-olds and wider cholesterol testing.

Dr. Stephen Daniels, of the academy's nutrition committee, says the new advice is based on mounting evidence showing that

damage leading to heart disease, the nation's leading killer, begins early in life.

It also stems from recent research showing that cholesterol-

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40 killed in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide car bomb exploded outside the Indian Embassy in central Kabul on Monday, killing 40 people in the deadliest attack this year in Afghanistan's capital, officials said.

The massive bomb knocked down a wall and damaged two embassy vehicles when it exploded at the embassy entrance, where dozens of Afghan men line up every morning to apply for visas. The embassy is located on a busy, tree-lined street near Afghanistan's Interior Ministry in the city center.

Several nearby shops were damaged or destroyed in the blast.

Cool air helps firefighters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Firefighters took advantage of cooler temperatures and higher humidity overnight to make progress containing a blaze burning through the mountains in Santa Barbara County before hotter, drier conditions return.

Crews were expecting "a quiet night, weatherwise," Richard Morgantini, a spokesman for Santa Barbara County, said early Monday.

Moist air currents from the ocean cooled temperatures to the high 70s Sunday, helping fire crews keep the five-day-old blaze from spreading as much as it had been.

Summit to focus on Africa

RUSUTSU, Japan (AP) — Aid for Africa — and whether enough was coming from the world's major economic powers — was in the spotlight Monday as the Group of Eight nations planned to meet with seven African leaders at its annual summit.

Activists have accused some G-8 countries, particularly France, Canada and Italy, of skimping on aid to Africa, and urged them to ramp up their contributions. The U.S., Japan, Britain, Germany and Russia make up the other members of the G-8. German Chancellor Angela Merkel also has urged G-8 leaders to take a tough stance on Zimbabwe.

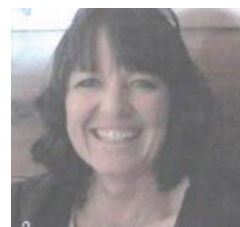
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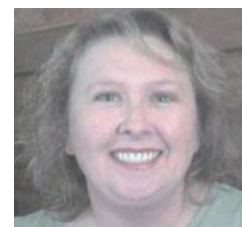
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Obituaries

August Anton 'Gus' Graumann



August Anton "Gus" Graumann, 79, of Big Spring went home to be with the Lord Sunday, July 6, 2008, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring with Pastor Carroll Kohl and Pastor Wayne Frost officiating. Interment will be Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Cemetery in Granite, Okla., with the Rev. B.J. Armstrong officiating. The family will receive

friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2008.

He was born Feb. 13, 1929, in Granite, Okla., and was raised on the family farm in Lone Wolf, Okla. August married Phyllis Anne Montgomery Feb. 18, 1950, in Granite, Okla.

August served in the United States Air Force. He worked for Texaco as a mechanic for 24 years in the Sundown, Snyder and Vealmoor fields. They moved to Big Spring in 1959 where they owned and operated Graumann's Oilfield Pump and Engine Repair from 1974 to 2004. August was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He served as Sunday school superintendent for 10 years and had assisted in chartering the Lutheran Church in Snyder. He was involved in many aspects of his church throughout the years, having served as trustee, president of the congregation and as an elder.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Graumann of Big Spring; one daughter, Beth Rehn, of Dallas, one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Keith Graumann and Ann of Big Spring; and one daughter and son-in-law, Jonna and Jeff Mision of Tampa, Florida; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Leveroos, Kaily Sturgell, Kaitlyn Sturgell, Jonathan Mision and Jeremiah Mision; one sister-in-law, Parolee Graumann, of Blair, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

August was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Pauline; his step-mother; four sisters, Clara, Alma, Margaret, and Rosa Mae; eight brothers, Herman, Herbert, Rev. Oscar, Albert, Otto, Alvin, Frederick and Edward Ewald, his twin brother.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Bowling, Steve Campbell, Ned Crandall, Rob Haney, Kent Ivey, Jimmie Jennings, Bob Roever and Terry Wegman. All members of the congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church are considered honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St, Big Spring 79720; or Big Spring Symphony Association, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring 79721; or to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Jean Jackson Cook

Jean Jackson Cook, 86, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 2, 2008, in Tyler. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Sunday, July 13, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Timothy Michael Drinkard

Timothy Michael Drinkard, 36, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, July 4, 2008, in Austin. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-18-28-30-39-48.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-13-22-26-30.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$27,412.
Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-2-8. Sum It Up: 17

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-2-6. Sum It Up: 8

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The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- GARY LEE SMALE, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid – enhanced.
- JAY LEE BILLINGSLEY, 42, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- CRYSTAL GAYLE MITCHELL, 24, was arrested Thursday by DPS on charges of no valid driver's license, bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid and no liability insurance.
- JACKY DALE MILLER JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license suspended/invalid.
- DERRICK LAMONT WILLIAMS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and driving while license suspended/invalid – enhanced.
- DANIEL RAY SYLVA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- LANESSA LASHONE SYLVA, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- OSCAR ADRIAN APONTE, 27, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of fictitious/counterfeit inspection or insurance document for display.
- RENE PEREZ SALAZAR, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- MANUEL HERRADA, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHARLES BRANDON BERWICK, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- HARVEY MARTIN GUERRERO, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- DOMINGO ROBLEDO, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent, criminal mischief (two counts) and deadly conduct.
- VANESSA RODRIQUEZ, 25, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of ride not secured by safety belt.
- BRANDON ANTONIO GREEN, 21, was arrested Friday by the DPS on a Midland Co. warrant for failure to appear.
- GILBERT NARANJO, 23, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container.
- JULIANA RENEE JUAREZ, 20, was arrested Saturday by the DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOE PRADO TORRES, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.
- JOSE ALBERTO MIER, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.
- ROBERT CHARLES BOUCHER, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container.
- YVETTE YVONE SOLIS, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a 118 District Clerk warrant for a FIA/Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse.
- PEDRO SANCHEZ, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a

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child under the age of 15 years old.

- ANTHONY SCOTT EMERSON, 20, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
- SAMUEL GUADALUPE CRUZ, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- OSCAR GUADALUPE CRUZ JR., 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving under the influence-alcohol-minor.
- RAUL JOHN GARZA JR., 38 was arrested Saturday by DPS on warrants for speeding — 81 miles in a 70 mile an hour zone; no valid driver's license; violate promise to appear; and on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15 years old.
- KASEY DALTON RAWLS, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
- PATRICIA SUE SMITH, 48, was arrested Saturday by HCSO on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
- ASHLEY DAWN SMITH, 22, was arrested Saturday by HCSO on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles.
- THEODORE E. RIOS, 38, was arrested Saturday by HCSO on a charge of HCSO on a charge of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles..
- MIGUEL HERNANDEZ JR., 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- MARK ANGEL HERNANDEZ, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and no valid driver's license.
- JESUS MUNOZ SALAS, 34, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under the age of 15 years old.
- SAUL MORALES, 44, arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK LEE SMITH, 48, was arrested Sunday by HCSO, on charges of possession of a prohibitive weapon, switchblade/knuckles, driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.
- RANDY JAY YBARRA, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on warrants for minor in consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- RODNEY LEE MCKINLEY, 43, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and a Ector County warrant for BOB/possession of a controlled substance; on Parker County warrants for MTRP/possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and on a Mitchell County warrant for GTI possession of a controlled substance with intent.
- JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 25, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more and driving while licenses invalid w/ previous conviction or suspension.
- CRAIG ANTHONY SHIPMAN, 52, was arrested by DPS Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- BRANDON WOODMAN, 26, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MYRA ANN BOONE, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by BSPD on a Taylor Co. warrant for possession of cocaine surety.
- JAMES COLE, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a warrant for deadly conduct discharge of a firearm.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- GLORIA GALLARDO, 28, of 1701 Runnels, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants.
- CLIFFORD QUALS, 56, of 1214 E. 16th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 429 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DELEAH TAGGART, 42, of 1214 E. 16th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG was reported in the 3300 block of the Interstate Highway 20 S. Service Road.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block

of 22nd Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION/ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of E. 16th Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 2900 block of Clanton.
 - in the 1600 block of State.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 2900 block of Clanton.
 - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

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- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Ohio. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of N.W. Second Street.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 600 block of Steakley.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Hillside. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and Richie Road. Service refused.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Centerpoint Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Lloyd.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to SMMC.

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of E. 11th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Gregg Street and Sgt. Paredes. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

ALON

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Valero for partnering with us in this transaction, allowing both of our companies to further their strategic initiatives.”

“With the completion of the Krotz Springs refinery acquisition, our crude refining capacity is expected to rise by 50 percent to approximately 250,000 barrels per day, including four refineries located on the West Coast, West Texas and Gulf Coast,” said Jeff Morris, Alon’s president and CEO. “On behalf of Alon, I wish to express our gratitude to our majority stockholder, Alon Israel, for their continued support and confidence in our company. Their investment in this transaction was critical in allowing us to create the optimal financing structure for the acquisition.”

“We would like to welcome the management team and employees of the

Krotz Springs refinery to the Alon family. This refinery ranks among the most reliable U.S. refineries, which is a testament to their experience and dedication. We look forward to working together to implement our plans for further improving the refinery’s operations, including projects to upgrade the refinery to produce low sulfur diesel and to process a Mars-type crude slate.”

The Krotz Springs refinery, with a nameplate crude capacity of approximately 83,100 bpd, services multiple demand centers in the Southeast and East Coast markets through the Colonial pipeline. The 2007 refined product mix from the Krotz Springs Refinery, with a current 6.5 complexity rating, consists of approximately 96 percent light products, with the following yields: 44 percent gasoline, 44 percent distillates and light cycle oils, 8 percent petrochemicals and 4 percent of heavy products.

Financing included a \$302 million term loan, including a \$50 million sub-facility to support substantial hedging, arranged by Credit Suisse, which was Alon’s M&A advisor for the transaction. In addition, Bank of America arranged a \$400 million revolver facility with an accordion feature of an additional \$100 million to support ongoing working capital needs.

Funds for a portion of the purchase price were provided through an \$80 million equity investment by Alon Israel in preferred stock of a new Alon holding company subsidiary, which may be exchanged for shares of Alon common stock after three years. In addition, Alon Israel provided for the issuance of \$55 million of letters of credit at favorable rates to Alon to support increased borrowing capacity under the Bank of America revolving credit facility. A committee of independent and disinterested mem-

bers of Alon’s board of directors negotiated and approved these transactions.

Alon USA Energy Inc., headquartered in Dallas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the South Central, Southwestern and Western regions of the United States. The company owns four crude oil refineries in Texas, California, Louisiana and Oregon, with an aggregate crude oil throughput capacity of approximately 250,000 barrels per day. Alon markets gasoline and diesel products under the FINA brand name and is a leading producer of asphalt. Alon also operates more than 300 convenience stores in West Texas and New Mexico primarily under the 7-Eleven and FINA brand names and supplies motor fuels to these stores from its Big Spring refinery. In addition, Alon supplies approximately 800 additional FINA branded locations.



By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A
♥ J 10 3
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ K Q 10 9 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 7 5
♥ K 8 7 6
♦ J 4
♣ J 4

EAST
♠ K 8 6 4 3
♥ Q 9 4
♦ 10 9
♣ A 7 6

SOUTH
♠ 9 2
♥ A 5 2
♦ K 8 6 5 3
♣ 8 5 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
2 ♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.

This deal occurred in the International Team Trials in Dallas in 1964. The hand was played at nine tables, and you’d think that at most of them, the final contract would have been five diamonds. But the fact is that at eight of the tables, only a partscore in diamonds was reached.

At three tables, the North-South pairs stopped in two diamonds, at three tables in three diamonds, and at two tables in four diamonds. Some of

Tomorrow: The right time to lose a trick.
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the North players opened one club; others opened one diamond.

It is odd that in this highly touted event, which included most of the top players in the United States and Canada, only one North-South pair thought enough of their cards to undertake a game contract. But even at their table something peculiar occurred, since the bidding went:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♣			

South bid three hearts to invite North to bid three notrump if he had a spade stopper. But North obviously misunderstood the call and never did let go until six diamonds was reached.

A heart lead, of course, would have sunk the slam, but unfortunately for West, he was dealt a nice, safe, top-of-a-sequence spade lead.

Declarer won the queen of spades with dummy’s ace and, after drawing trumps and forcing out the ace of clubs, finished with 12 tricks for a score of 1,370 points. This was more than the total at the other eight tables combined, where the various North-Souths scored either 150 or 170 in their diamond partscores.

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delivery company.

State law grants regulatory authorities the right to suspend the effective date of a proposed rate change for 90 days, giving the steering committee until the first part of November to review and possibly dispute the rate increase.

The city of Big Spring has joined similar steering committees in the past to dispute rate increases for natural gas and electrical services.

Also during Tuesday’s meeting, the city council will consider approval of the consultant and

contractor for the Settles Hotel environmental abatement project.

The council will consider approval of an abatement agreement that will authorize Mayor Russ McEwen to execute all necessary documents once the escrow agreement between the city and the Settles Hotel Development Company is reached and the funds — an estimated \$75,000 — are deposited by the city.

SHDC announced plans for a \$12 million renovation project in December 2006. According to SHDC officials, the project includes plans for commercial and residential use of the property, with retail space available on the first and second floors.

The Dallas-based company agreed to purchase the structure from the city of Big Spring for \$75,000, which was placed in escrow until the company, led by Big Spring Native Brint Ryan, is ready to take possession of the historic downtown building.

Also Tuesday, City Finance Director Peggy Walker is expected to request first reading of a resolution giving the go-ahead to pay for renovations to the city’s water and wastewater treatment plant. The renovations are expected to cost approximately \$113,500.

City Manager Gary Fuqua will report on recent efforts to clean up

the city’s District 3, as well as the recent development of the city’s Historic Preservation Committee, which was approved by the council approximately two weeks ago.

The council will also meet in executive session to consider pending or contemplated litigation, as well as receive an update concerning claims involving the municipality.

The meeting is to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

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DRUGS

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fighting drugs are generally safe for children, Daniels said.

Several of these drugs are approved for use in children and data show that increasing numbers are using them.

“If we are more aggressive about this in childhood, I think we can have an impact on what happens later in life ... and avoid some of these heart attacks and strokes in adulthood,” Daniels said. He has worked as a consultant to Abbott Laboratories and Merck & Co., but not on matters involving their cholesterol drugs.

Drug treatment would generally be targeted for kids at least 8 years old who have too much LDL, the “bad” cholesterol, along with other risky conditions, including obesity and high blood pressure.

For overweight children with too little HDL, the “good” cholesterol, the first course of action should be weight loss, more physical activity and nutritional counseling, the academy says.

Pediatricians should routinely check the cholesterol of children with a family history of inherited cholesterol disease or with parents or grandparents who developed heart disease at an early age, the recommendations say. Screening also is advised for kids whose family his-

tory isn’t known and those who are overweight, obese or have other heart disease risk factors.

Screening is recommended sometime after age 2 but no later than age 10, at routine checkups.

The academy’s earlier advice said cholesterol drugs should only be considered in children older than 10 after they fail to lose weight. Its previous cholesterol screening recommendations also were less specific and did not include targeted ages for beginning testing.

Because obesity is a risk factor for heart disease and often is accompanied by cholesterol problems, the academy recommendations say low-fat milk is appropriate for 1-year-olds “for whom overweight or obesity is a concern.”

Daniels, a pediatrician in the Denver area, agreed that could include virtu-

ally all children. But he said doctors may choose to offer the new milk advice only to 1-year-olds who are already overweight or have a family history of heart problems.

The academy has long recommended against reduced-fat milk for children up to age 2 because saturated fats are needed for brain development.

“But now we have the obesity epidemic and people are thinking maybe this isn’t such a good idea,” said Dr. Frank Greer of the University of Wisconsin, co-author of the guidelines report, which appears in the July edition of Pediatrics, the group’s medical journal.

Very young children are increasingly getting fats from sources other than milk and Greer said the updated advice is based on recent research showing no harm from reduced-fat

milk in these youngsters.

With one-third of U.S. children overweight and about 17 percent obese, the new recommendations are important, said Dr. Jennifer Li, a Duke University children’s heart specialist.

“We need to do something to stem the tide of childhood obesity,” Li said.

Li said that 15 years ago most of her patients with cholesterol problems had an inherited form of cholesterol disease not connected to obesity.

“But now they’re really outnumbered” by overweight kids with cholesterol problems and high

blood pressure, she said.

Dr. Elena Fuentes-Afflick, a pediatric professor at the University of California at San Francisco, also praised the new advice but said some parents think their kids will outgrow obesity and cholesterol

problems, and might not take it seriously.

“It’s hard for people to really understand” that those problems in childhood can lead to serious health consequences in adulthood, Fuentes-Afflick said.

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OTHER VIEWS

Patriotism as a weapon

A week ago, Barack Obama felt the need to make a speech about patriotism. He was reacting, in part, to remarks made by a surrogate, a former general who is now an Obama supporter, that supporters of John McCain say maligns their candidate's military service.

It's feeling a lot like 2004 again — that auspicious time when Swift Boat became a verb.

How about this time, patriotism remains something felt and acted upon, rather than fought over as just another prop in presidential-year political theater?

Apart from the surrogate's remarks, we understand why Obama delivered the speech. The blogosphere and e-mails that no amount of spam filters can block are full of the innuendo of non-American otherness that foes are desperately trying to tag on him. And we agree that, given the ferocity of this not-so-quiet whispering campaign, Obama needs to meet the attacks head-on. We're just sad that he has to.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark's remarks on a Sunday news show are an example, however, of an Obama surrogate raising an issue that doesn't belong in the campaign.

"I don't think riding in a fighter plane and getting shot down is a qualification to be president," Clark said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

No, not necessarily. But it revealed McCain, who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW, as someone willing to sacrifice much for his country, not to mention the courage he demonstrated through the ordeal.

If Clark was trying to make the point that voters should consider the entirety of McCain's views and record as a public servant, the best way to do that is to identify the issues with which he disagrees and tell us why. In any case, we seem to remember presidential candidate Clark (who, in fairness, also cited McCain's heroism) touting his own military record in his 2004 campaign. See his still active Web site at www.clark04.com/about, and you'll see what we mean.

Obama properly rejected Clark's remarks. "No one should devalue that service, especially for the sake of a political campaign," he said. McCain, to his credit, gave Clark's comments short shrift.

But it does not help that a teleconference with reporters organized by his campaign included retired Air Force Col. Bud Day, who appeared in the so-called Swift Boat ads, which in 2004 scurrilously attacked Sen. John Kerry's Vietnam service. McCain denounced those attacks back then.

He was right. And, in this presidential campaign, we say to those who would cheapen patriotism for purposes of political gain: Shame.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us, dear Lord, to make choices that would please you. Amen

No drilling? No excuses

With gasoline prices above \$4 a gallon and no relief in sight, it makes perfect sense to open some of America's extensive off-limits areas to oil drilling. Yet Congress refuses to budge, citing a number of weak excuses. Among them:

(1) "The extra energy would be a drop in the bucket." Drilling critics use low-ball figures for the amounts of oil in places such as Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and the 85 percent of America's territorial waters now off limits to exploration and production. Even assuming they're right — that expanded drilling would reduce the pain at the pump only a little — that's hardly a reason not to proceed. More likely, the energy potential is substantial. Midrange estimates are that just a few thousand acres near the edge of ANWR's 19.6 million acres contains 10 billion barrels of oil, and restricted offshore areas hold an additional 19 billion. That's equal to about 48 years of current imports from Saudi Arabia. And such initial estimates tend to be low, sometimes by wide margins.

(2) "The environmental risks are too great." In fact, the risks are overstated. Advances in technology have greatly reduced the above-ground footprint and the risk of spills. And new production would be subject to the strictest environmental and safety standards, something that can't be said of oil imports.

The recent track record speaks for itself. In 2005, when Hurricane Katrina ripped through the western part of the Gulf of Mexico — the one

offshore area where drilling isn't severely restricted — it didn't cause a single serious offshore spill. And onshore drilling in Prudhoe Bay, near ANWR, has been under way for decades with minimal adverse impacts (indeed, the caribou herds are more plentiful now), and it used technology far less environmentally friendly than would be required now.

Nonetheless, coastal states have legitimate concerns, which is why the most promising bills allow each state to decide for itself whether it wants drilling off its waters. For example, some may want to limit offshore platforms to areas too far from the shore to disturb coastal views. Overall, the environmental and aesthetic concerns can be handled without an all-out ban on new oil production.

(3) "Companies don't need new leases. They're sitting on the ones they already have." The implication here is that big oil is deliberately sitting on potential gushers to boost prices. Drilling opponents are assuming that every leased acre has oil beneath it, but in truth most do not.

In other cases, oil exploration and development is under way.

But the process takes many years — in part, ironically, because of the extensive post-lease permitting process and other regulatory requirements. In reality, we're getting as much as possible out of the relatively few areas where drilling is allowed, which is why we need to open new ones.

(4) "It would take too long for the oil to become available." Bill Clinton complained that ANWR oil would take up to 10 years to come online — 13 years ago when he vetoed an ANWR bill. Actually, it probably wouldn't take nearly that long. Perhaps half of that time is due to regulatory delays that lawmakers could expedite.

Moreover, some market analysts believe that if America signaled its seriousness about expanding domestic supplies by opening new areas, prices would start dropping before the extra oil hit the market. In any event, America's energy challenges aren't going to disappear in a few years, so we need to begin the process now of providing future supplies.

(5) "More oil would discourage alternatives." In fact, the research into alternative fuels and vehicles has been under way for years, and has been accelerated by the rise in gas prices. This research will continue with or without new oil drilling.

We need to be realistic about the prospects for alternatives such as cellulosic ethanol, hydrogen fuel cells, electric vehicles and others.

It takes time to develop and market viable alternatives. The task will probably take two decades or more.

The age of oil, meanwhile, will be with us for at least a while longer, so we ought to ensure that it's as affordable as possible. More oil and alternatives is not an either/or proposition. We need both.

The restrictions on domestic oil were enacted in the 1980s and '90s when gas was little more than \$1 a gallon. Much has changed since then. There simply is no good reason to continue keeping so much American oil off limits.

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How will the Supreme Court look?

John McCain calls the future shape of the federal judiciary "one of the defining issues of this presidential election," a point underscored by the recent spate of 5-4 Supreme Court decisions.

This area also provides one of the starkest contrasts between McCain and Barack Obama. A McCain victory in November almost certainly would enable conservatives to tighten their grip on the court and extend their influence to such issues as curbing or barring legalized abortions.

By contrast, an Obama triumph likely would put a brake on that process, though it probably wouldn't permit a return to the liberal control that marked the high court through much of the second half of the last century.

The reason is that the justices most likely to be replaced in the next four years are members of the court's liberal bloc. Obama would be unable to shift the court to the left, but McCain could move it even further to the right.

In a recent speech, McCain joined the outcry against judicial activism, ironic since Republican domination of the White House the past few decades means its appointees dominate the federal courts, including seven of the nine Supreme Court justices.

That court's two oldest members are pillars of its liberal bloc, Justice

John Paul Stevens, an appointee of Republican President Gerald Ford, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a Bill Clinton appointee.

Stevens will be 89 in April, and Ginsburg, who has suffered some poor health, will be 76 in March. Many court watchers believe the election of a Democratic president might prompt them to step down and permit the selection of successors with similar ideological views. Still, that would only maintain the court's current balance, which basically has four conservatives, four liberals and one moderate conservative, Anthony Kennedy, who often tilts the balance.

McCain made it pretty clear he would tip the court even further to the right when he cited as judicial exemplars two conservative George W. Bush appointees, Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Samuel Alito. Obama voted against confirming both.

To be sure, there are limits on any president's ability to change the court's direction.

For one thing, justices sometimes vote differently from what nominating presidents expect. Witness the generally liberal record of David Souter, named by the first President Bush.

But the early track record of Justices Roberts and Alito indicate the second President Bush fulfilled his 2000 campaign vow to name justices like the court's more senior conservatives, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Second, it's unrealistic to expect any president to be able to name more than two Supreme Court jus-

tics in a single four-year term. The last one to do so was Richard Nixon, who filled four vacancies in his first term, in part because of the heavy-handed and ultimately unsuccessful way President Lyndon Johnson tried to install longtime crony Abe Fortas as chief justice after deciding against seeking re-election.

Fewer appointees are more likely to be the rule. Ronald Reagan picked only three justices in his eight years. Clinton and George W. Bush each named two in eight years. Jimmy Carter served a full term without naming any.

Third, nominees must pass muster with the Senate, which is likely to be more Democratic next year than it is today. That could force a President McCain to pick someone less conservative.

But it may not take more than one additional conservative justice to achieve the longtime No. 1 conservative goal of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the court's 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

That's something that should be of special concern to those moderate and liberal women who, upset by Obama's defeat of Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primary, talk of voting in November for McCain.

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IN BRIEF

Sponsors needed for Coahoma softball team

The Coahoma 10-under All-Stars is one of several area youth fast-pitch softball teams bound for a tournament in San Angelo starting Friday. However, the 10-under squad is still looking for sponsors to accompany the girls on the trip. If interested, contact Jennifer Chandler at 466-3727 or Ian Sloan at 213-5334.

Big Spring Boxing Club set to start training

The Big Spring Boxing Club is ready to open its doors to the public for any male or female from ages 9-26. Interested people can register for the club's training services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Morgan Park on the north side of town. Anyone willing to volunteer time as a trainer, conditioner or sparring partner is also welcome to attend.

Steer football season ticket sales to begin

Big Spring High School will begin selling 2008 season tickets for Steer football July 28 at the Athletic Training Center. Only persons who have previously owned season tickets are able to buy from July 28-Aug. 7. Sales for the general public begin Aug. 11 and end Aug. 22. Tickets can be bought Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the ATC. Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

UIL required physicals due for some athletes

UIL requires all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th grade athletes to have a physical before they are allowed to participate in any sport. This includes practices and games. All local athletic departments are encouraging athletes and their parents headed into the grades listed above to make an appointment with their doctor and get this physical before the start of the school year. Football and volleyball players would want to get this taken care of before the start of two-days. Contact your school's athletic department with any questions.

Big Spring QB Club meeting at ATC July 7

The Big Spring Quarterback Club is holding its first meeting of the 2008 season at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. The club will then meet every subsequent Monday at the same time until school starts. All parents of junior high or high school football players are encouraged to attend.

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Coahoma's Kerby taking game to next level

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — East Bernard's Courtney Repka was on the verge of history in the Class 2A state title game, just three outs away from pitching a no-hitter against the Coahoma Bulldogettes.



Kerby

However, Coahoma's senior outfield-

er Krista Kerby had other ideas, making just enough contact to break up the no-hit bid with a softly hit single in the left field. Unfortunately, Coahoma couldn't build off of Kerby's single in the final inning and the Bulldogettes fell just short of claiming their second state title in history. Kerby's softball doesn't end with that loss, though, as she has signed a letter of intent to play at Temple Junior College. Kerby is a four-year starter at Coahoma, spending most of her time in the field in center.

However, in all four of her seasons with the Bulldogettes, she said the biggest hit of her career came in the 2008 playoffs. In a regional finals game against rival Hawley, the Bulldogettes surrendered a 1-run lead in the top of the seventh inning and headed into their final at-bat with the score tied. With no outs, two on and the scored tied at 3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Kerby hit a two-strike single back up the middle of the infield, allowing Joanna Gonzales to score the winning run from second and making

Coahoma the 2008 Class 2A, Region I champs. The clutch hit sent the Bulldogettes back to the state finals for a fourth consecutive time. Kerby led the Bulldogettes in 2008 with a .473 batting average, 37 runs, six triples, 17 walks, a .688 slugging percentage, a .555 on-base percentage and 14 stolen bases. She was a first-team all-district selection and was recently named as a first-team all-state outfielder by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Big Spring falls in finals



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Little League 12-year-old All-Stars lost to the Midland Mid-City All-Stars, 10-3, Saturday, making them the second-place team in District 3. Mid-City was the only team to defeat the 12 year olds in the double-elimination tournament. Members of the team are from left to right: (bottom row) Anthony Slate, Jesse Cantu, Sagar Patel, Haegan Rodriguez, Toby Tannehill, Austin Mize, (top row) Coach Nick Roberson, Matthew Mims, Blaise Coffman, Brandon Warner, Clayton Galloway, Devin Roberson and Coach Tim Tannehill.

Rangers get 4 all-star nominations

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Michael Young is headed to the All-Star game again, and this time the smooth-fielding shortstop will be joined in New York by three of his teammates on the Texas Rangers. Outfielder Josh Hamilton was elected by the fans in balloting announced Sunday. Young, second baseman Ian Kinsler and designated hitter Milton Bradley were selected by the players to represent the Rangers on the AL squad on July 15 at Yankee Stadium. Hamilton, Kinsler and Bradley will be going for the first time. Young has been selected four times previously. All four players led the AL in player voting at their respective positions. "There is nothing more satisfying than your peers saying you deserve to do something in this game. Those are the guys you play with,"

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Nadal outlasts Federer in epic battle

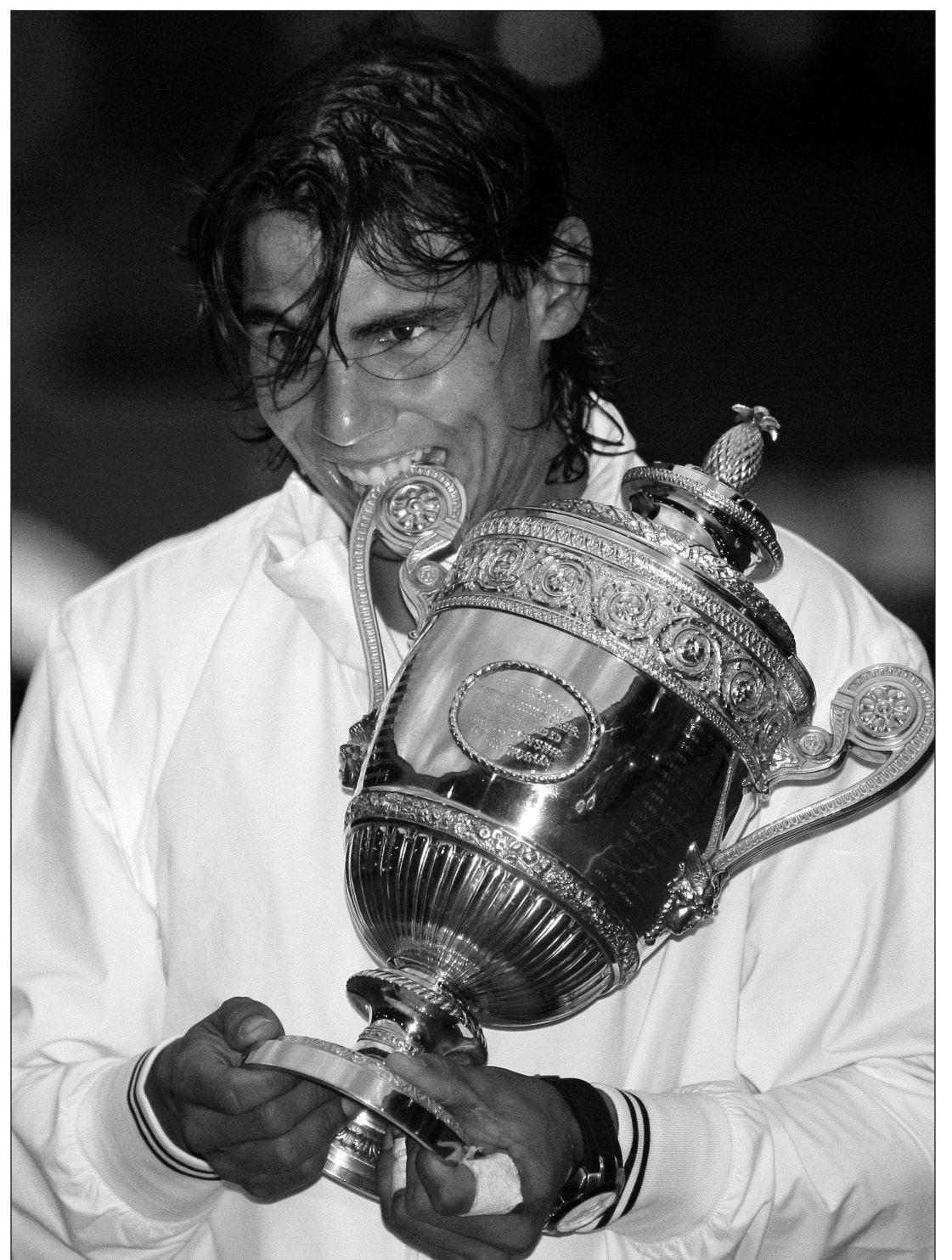
No 2 bests No. 1 in Wimbledon final

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Rafael Nadal, grass stains on his white shirt and a Spanish flag tucked under his arm, scampered through the Centre Court stands to celebrate his first Wimbledon title with hugs and handshakes. Roger Federer sat in his changeover chair, protected from the night's chill by his custom-made cream cardigan with the gold "RF" on the chest. Alone with his thoughts, alone with the knowledge that he had come so close to becoming the first man since the 1880s to win a sixth consecutive championship at the All England Club. Two points from victory, the No. 1-ranked Federer couldn't pull it out, instead succumbing to No. 2 Nadal 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-7 (8), 9-7 Sunday night in a 4-hour, 48-minute test of wills that was the longest men's final in Wimbledon history — and quite possibly the greatest. Even Nadal felt sympathy for Federer. "I am very happy for me," Nadal said, "but sorry for him, because he deserved this title, too." Through rain, wind and descending darkness, the two greatest players of

their generation swapped spectacular shots, until, against a slate sky, Nadal earned the right to fling his racket aside and collapse on his back, champion of the All England Club at last. "Is impossible to explain what I felt in that moment, no?" Nadal said after accepting the golden trophy that has belonged to Federer since 2003. The first man since Bjorn Borg in 1980 to win Wimbledon and the French Open in the same year, Nadal stopped Federer's streaks of 40 victories in a row at the All England Club, and a record 65 in a row on grass, thereby stamping his supremacy in their rivalry, no matter what the rankings say. "Probably my hardest loss, by far," Federer said. "I mean, it's not much harder than this right now." No man since 1927 had come back to win a Wimbledon final after losing the first two sets, and none had overcome a match point to seize victory since 1948. If anyone could, it figured to be Federer, especially on this particular lawn. He hadn't lost a match on grass since 2002, and

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AP photo/Anja Niedringhaus

Spain's Rafael Nadal holds his trophy aloft as he celebrates his defeat of Switzerland's Roger Federer in the men's singles final on the Centre Court at Wimbledon Sunday.

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those are the guys you play against," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I'm very happy for all of them. They deserve it."

Hamilton is the first Texas outfielder elected to start since Juan Gonzalez in 1998 and the first position player since Mark Texiera in 2005. Acquired in a December trade with

the Cincinnati Reds, Hamilton leads the majors with 84 RBIs and is among the leaders in home runs and total bases.

"If it weren't for the fans coming out and watching us, supporting us, we wouldn't be doing this for a living. The fans are a big part of the game," Hamilton said. "I really appreciate their votes and hopefully I'll give them something exciting to watch."

In the closest race in

either league, Kinsler received 2,458,455 votes to fall just 34,243 votes shy of beating Boston's Dustin Pedroia for the starting job at second base. Kinsler entered Sunday leading the AL in hitting, hits, multihit games and extra-base hits.

Bradley played for six teams before earning his first All-Star selection. He ranks among the AL leaders in slugging percentage, home runs, RBIs and inten-

tional walks.

Young, the MVP of the 2006 game, continues a run of success for the Rangers at shortstop. Texas has had its starting shortstop go in eight straight seasons, beginning with Alex Rodriguez from 2001-03.

Texas has had 16 players selected in the last five years. It is the sixth time the Rangers have had at least four All-Stars and the first time four position players made the team.

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he hadn't lost a set during this tournament before Sunday. He also hadn't faced anyone nearly as talented and indefatigable as Nadal.

"Look, Rafa's a deserving champion," Federer said. "He just played fantastically."

Indeed he did, earning Spain its first Wimbledon men's title since Manolo Santana won in 1966.

Nadal managed to regroup after blowing a two-set lead, managed to recover after wasting two match points in the fourth-set tiebreaker, managed to hold steady when Federer needed only two points to end the match while ahead 5-4 in the fifth.

He earned his fifth Grand Slam title, but first away from the French Open, by showing fortitude on his serve, saving 12 of 13 break points. He did it by breaking serve four times — twice as many times as Federer lost serve in his previous six matches combined. And Nadal did it by

being better from the baseline, winning 24 of 38 points that lasted 10 or more strokes, according to an unofficial AP tally.

Borg and Santana watched from the front row of the Royal Box at Centre Court, which next year will have a retractable roof. Perhaps Mother Nature wanted one last chance to leave her mark, delaying Sunday's start by 35 minutes with rain. Showers again caused a delay of 1 hour, 21 minutes late in the third set, then another of 30 minutes at 2-2, deuce, in the fifth set.

When action resumed at 8:23 p.m., it already was tough to see, and the players traded service holds until 7-7. That's where Nadal finally broke through, as Federer's forehand really began to break down. A forehand into the net gave Nadal his fourth break point, and a forehand long conceded the game — the first break of serve by either man since the second set.

Nadal still had to serve out the match, though, and he still had to avoid the sort of nerves Federer noticed when his opponent

led 5-2 in the fourth-set tiebreaker.

"I played terrible there," said Nadal, who double-faulted to 5-3.

Down 6-5 in that tiebreaker, Federer erased a match point with a 127 mph service winner. Down 8-7 — again, one point from losing — Federer hit a backhand passing winner.

A forehand winner put Federer ahead 9-8, and when Nadal missed a backhand return, the match was even. Federer jumped and screamed, and the crowd of about 15,000 joined him.

Nadal defeated Federer at the French Open en route to each of his championships there, in the 2005 semifinals and the past three finals, including a 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 rout last month that was Federer's most lopsided loss in 180 career Grand Slam matches.

But the Swiss star kept reminding everyone this week that he has had the upper hand on surfaces other than clay.

Not this time. Federer made clear afterward he was not pleased that play continued despite

the low visibility at the end.

"It's rough on me now, obviously, you know, to lose the biggest tournament in the world over maybe a bit of light," he said.

Said Nadal: "In the last game, I didn't see nothing."

Both players figured that if Federer had broken back to 8-8 in the fifth, play would have been suspended until Monday because of darkness.

"It would have been brutal," Federer said.

It didn't happen. Nadal came through.

Afterward, the new champion was asked if it was the greatest match he'd ever played. Plenty of others around the grounds, including John McEnroe — whose five-set loss to Borg in 1980 gets many votes — already were calling it the greatest match they'd ever seen.

"I don't know if it's the best," Nadal said.

Then he thought about it for a moment.

"Probably," he continued. "Probably the best, yes."

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For more information, call the ATC at 264-3662.

CYFA meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at YMCA

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the YMCA.

Anyone interested in being a board member needs to attend.

For questions, call John at 816-6030 or Joanna at 816-3407.

Tennis camp set for July 28-31 at Figure 7 courts

Crossroads Tennis Association instructor Ted Olesen is hosting a camp July 28-31 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in

Comanche Trail Park.

This is the second camp Olesen has put on this summer and attendance at the first camp is not a requirement to attend the second.

The camp is for all ages and abilities, and is designed to teach beginners the basics of the game, while helping advanced players reach their full potential.

Participants do not have

to take the full week of camp.

Cost is \$100 and includes a lunch each day.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

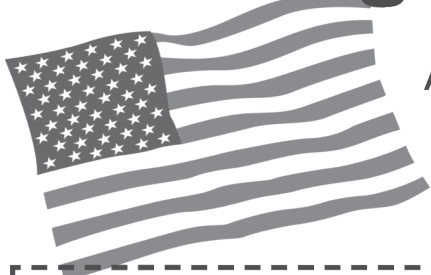
Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2007, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$275 million over the current Oncor rates or a 10.9% increase over adjusted test year revenues. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the

proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

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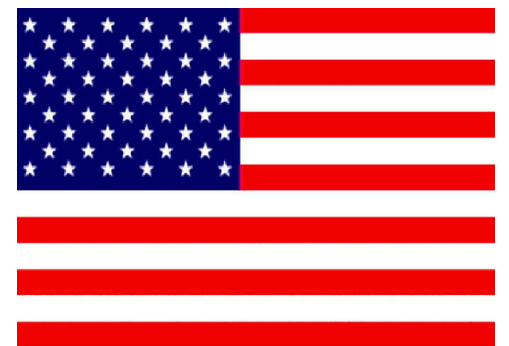
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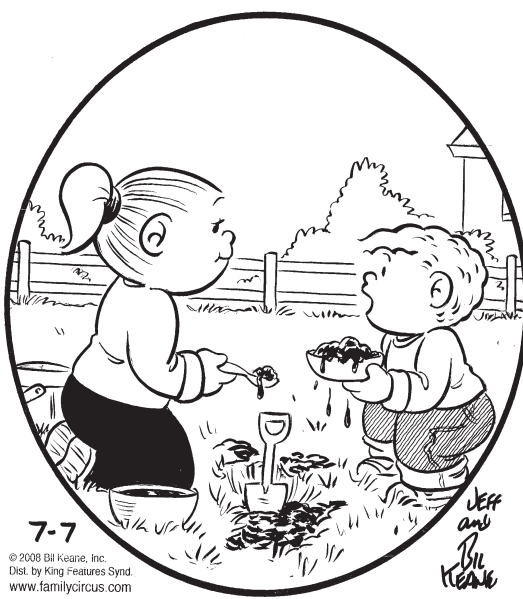
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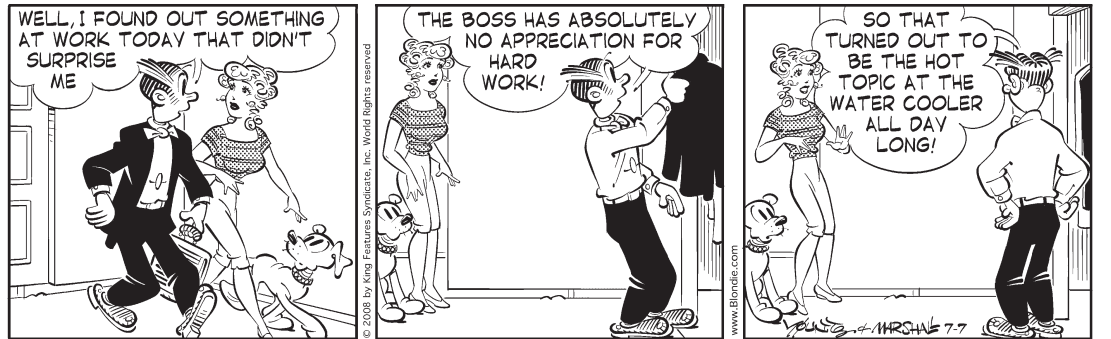


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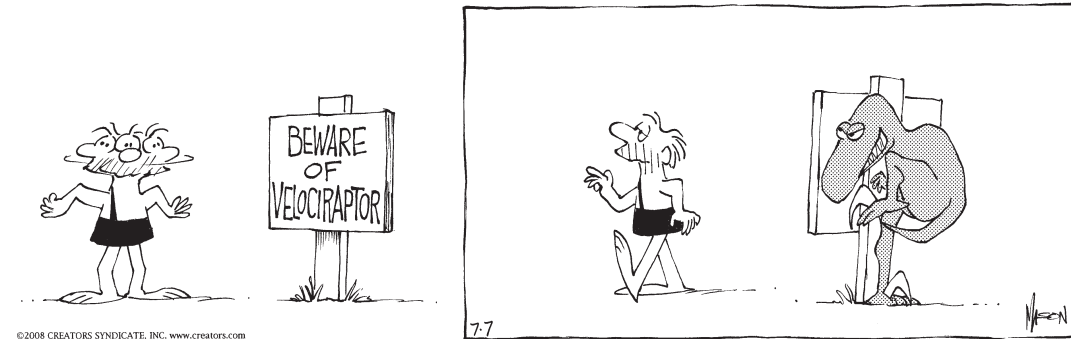
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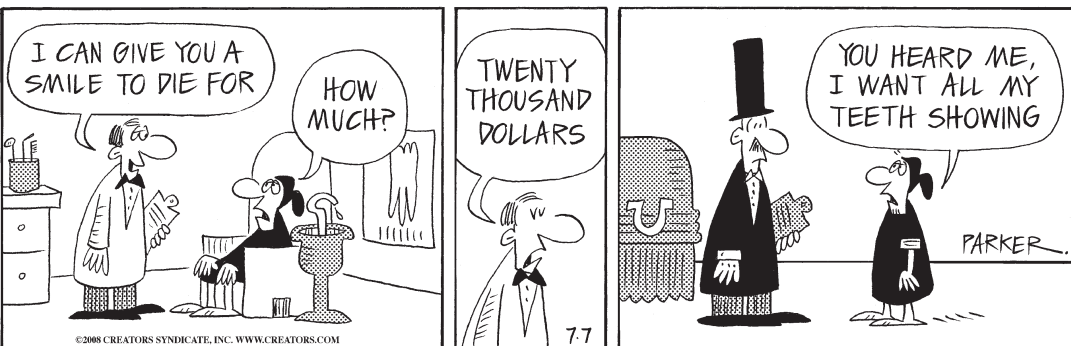
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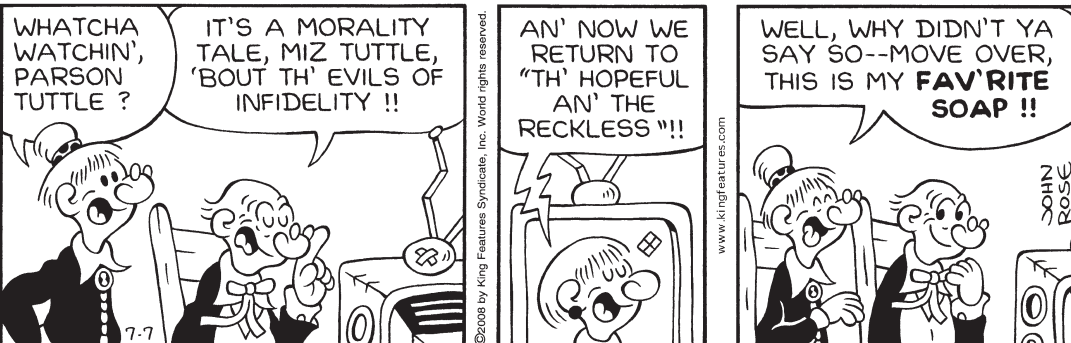
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Shelley Duvall is 59. Actress Roz Ryan is 57. Actor Billy Campbell is 49. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 46.

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